GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:602
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2015
Improving Jharkhand Railway Network
Mahato Shri Bidyut Baran

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to upgrade Ranchi railway station to world class railway station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Railways is also contemplating to start daily express train between Ranchi-Trivandrum via Chennai;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the rail network in Jharkhand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)
(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 602 BY SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.12.2015 REGARDING IMPROVING JHARKHAND RAILWAY NETWORK

(a) & (b): It has been decided to offer identified stations, which includes, inter alia, Ranchi Jn. station, for redevelopment on 'as is where is' basis, by inviting open bids from interested parties with their designs and business ideas duly providing for amenities and other requirements of the Railways. The entire cost of station redevelopment is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the station.
(c): No, Madam.
(d) : Does not arise.
(e): To improve the railway network in the State of Jharkhand, Railways have taken up 21 major rail network expansion projects comprising ten New Lines, ten Doublings and one Gauge Conversion falling fully/partly in Jharkhand at an anticipated cost of ` 15368 crores. These projects are at various stages of completion. In addition to this, nine Doubling projects falling fully/partly in Jharkhand have been included in this year's Railway Budget at an estimated cost of ` 10148 crores subject to requisite approval of Government.

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